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Youths redeem 'Gods' abandoned under trees

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (MTY&BCT)- Members of Yuva Brigade came together and disposed of old and damaged photos and idols of Gods and Goddesses and other items abandoned under trees across the city. The damaged photos and idols were then taken to a designated place where pits were dug to bury them.

This is a State-wide programme launched by the Yuva Brigade today and in Mysuru district, activities were taken up in Mysuru, Nanjangud, Nagarle, Hunsur, Periyapatna, H.D. Kote and T. Narasipur. Till about 1 pm, over 1,500 photos were collected and gathered near Saraswathipuram Dhobi Ghat to be disposed of. Over 200 volunteers were involved in the operation.

We often see orphaned pictures of Gods and Goddesses lying under trees in a neglected state and battered by rain and sunshine. Many a time, pictures of Gods get dilapidated or damaged at homes. Not willing to keep them at homes, people commonly dispose them of under peepal or banyan trees. Also, people shifting from rented houses from Mysuru to other places too choose to get rid of such photos. Hundreds of volunteers from Yuva Brigade throughout the State have taken up a task of ridding the trees of discarded photos. According to activists of Yuva Brigade, volunteers have beforehand identified trees that have to be cleared.

"We have collected hundreds of photos, idols and religious relics. The task before us now is to separate the glass and wood parts of the photos, dispose them of in a way that will not harm the environment," they said.

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Ban on plastic comes into force from tomorrow

16 lakh cloth bags to be distributed to 7,34,905 houses free of cost

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (MTY&BCT)- The Mysuru District Administration is all set to strictly enforce the ban on single-use plastic items from tomorrow (Apr. 5).

Single use plastic materials such as polythene/ plastic/ polypropylene carry bags, polythene plastic cups, polythene plastic plates and plastic sheet pouches used to wrap cooked food have been banned.

However, plastic items such as non-woven polypropylene bags, plastic-coated paper cups, plastic sheet used for industrial packing, plastic sheet used for packing of pulses, cereals, medicine and milk, multi-layered packaging materials, cling film used for wrapping food, plastic bag of more than 40X50 cm in size used for collection and disposal of solid waste and biomedical waste and plastic bags used in horticulture nurseries would be allowed to be sold and stocked.

The Administration had given manufacturers, distributors, and consumers time to dispose their existing stock and come up with alternatives to plastic usage. Also, many raids have been conducted on plastic storehouses in many marketplaces including Shivarampet. Rules will be enforced to comply with the Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016.

As a prelude to the plastic ban, the Mysuru City Corporation and the District Administration have come together to distribute 16 lakh cloth bags to 7,34,905 houses and each house would get two bags each free of cost. The bags will have the capacity to carry 5 kg and 10 kg materials like fruits, meat and groceries. All the bags have a branding titled '*Naanu Parisara Snehi*' ('I am environment friendly').

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri told media persons at her office yesterday that these bags will also be distributed to vendors and also at major temples and be made available at a subsidised rate.

(See BAN on page 7)

Online petition against Heli Tourism near Lalitha Mahal gains steam

Over 35,000 people sign within 24 hours to save trees

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (MTY,SSV &BCT)- An online campaign has been launched against axing of hundreds of trees for the proposed Heli Tourism near Lalitha Mahal Palace that is a butterfly zone.

A petition posted on *www.change.org*, has garnered the support of over 35,279 people from all over the world. It is not known how many of them are Mysureans.

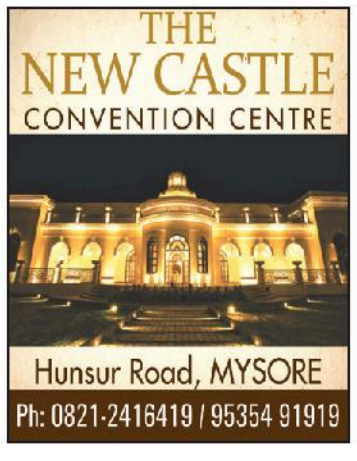
The Heli Tourism project is the brainchild of Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar who has already held a couple of meetings and also inspected the proposed spot twice.

A tree that has been marked for cutting at Lalitha Mahal surroundings.

Green activist M.K. Saptha Girish, who initiated this petition against felling of trees, says that Mysuru needs environmentally sustainable tourism and not an environmentally destructive helipad near Lalitha Mahal Palace.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Saptha Girish said that the trees have been numbered unscientifically. "Looking at the way trees have been numbered, it looks like they are cutting over 1,000 trees in an eco-sensitive zone. First of all who gave permission to number the trees? Scrapping the tree bark to put the numbers is a way to kill a tree. Have the authorities followed the procedure while numbering," he questioned.

(See PETITION on page 6)



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 4th April 2021

Court stays allotment of plots at Bandipalya APMC

Mysuru, Apr.4- Red flagging the Mysuru APMC's plans to allot plots in its premises at Bandipalya on Nanjangud road, a City Court has stayed the allotment of 155 plots which were due for allotment shortly.

Details: The APMC (Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee) had issued a notification on Feb.2 for allotment of 155 plots on a lease-cum-sale basis. The Notification barred those having plots, shops or Godowns in APMC from applying.

But the owners of Mahesh Enterprises and Annapurna Traders moved the Court alleging that 10 applicants, who were in the seniority list published by the APMC, were ineligible. The petitioners had accused the APMC of gross violation of norms in the preparation of seniority list for allotment of plots and had sought a stay for allotment, claiming that they were genuine applicants who were rendered injustice by the APMC.

City's Principal Civil Judge and JMFC Court, which heard the petition, granted stay for the allotment of plots and adjourned the next hearing to April 20.

APMC Secretary clarifies

Speaking to *SOM*, APMC Secretary Mahesh clarified that the allotment of 155 plots (sites) was done in a transparent manner and there was no violation of any norms or regulations. Also, the APMC had not received any objections to the allotment list, he said and added that he was not aware of the Court's stay order on allotment.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A last-minute change of venue, para-athletes stranded at the Chennai Railway Station or struggling to reschedule tickets to reach Bengaluru on time, and breach of COVID protocols at the stadiums seemed like appetisers before a tournament that could go down in sports history as one of the most pathetic examples of how not to conduct an event. Mobile and car lights were used to organise a national competition. Yes, you read it right. The Sree Kanteerava Stadium hosted a bunch of para-athletes in semi-darkness recently. Interestingly, the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) said the events were conducted late in the evening because the athletes wanted it. But this can't be a reason for conducting a national event like this where performance can fetch you jobs, scholarships and admissions.

Such controversies are not new to the PCI. Even in the past, there were issues of mismanagement and chaos while conducting nationals. The worst perhaps was in Ghaziabad in 2015 when the Sports Ministry and the International Paralympic Committee suspended the PCI. There were issues in Panchkula in 2018 as well. Just a few months ago, the PCI got its recognition back with a new President at the helm of affairs. Perhaps it's time the PCI realises that there are not too many sporting facilities in the country that boast of being para-athlete friendly. So it would be prudent for them to not hurry with itineraries and think about the players' interest. After all, facilities for para-athletes should be non-negotiable.

— In the New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

'Golden parade' of Pharaohs

Cairo: The mummified remains of 22 Egyptian Pharaohs, including the most powerful ancient queen, were paraded through the streets of Cairo on Saturday, in a procession to a new resting place. Under the watchful eyes of security forces, the mummies were moved 7km across the capital from the iconic Egyptian Museum, where most have resided undisturbed for over a century, to the new National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation.

Dubbed the Pharaohs' Golden parade, the 18 kings and four queens travelled in order, oldest first, each aboard a separate float decorated in ancient Egyptian style. Both pedestrians and vehicles were barred from Tahrir Square, site of the current museum, and other sections of parade route. Emblazoned with the name of their allotted sovereign, the gold-coloured carriages were fitted with shock absorbers for the trip, to ensure none of the precious cargos were accidentally disturbed.

Rare Chinese artifact auctioned for 721,800 dollars

New York : A small porcelain bowl that cost 35 dollars at a yard sale and turned out to be a rare, 15th-century Chinese artifact has sold at a Sotheby's auction for 721,800 dollars — more than 20,000 times its original asking price.

An unidentified Connecticut man bought the bowl from a yard sale near New Haven last year, and later emailed photos to Sotheby's seeking an evaluation. Appraisers determined it dates back to the Ming dynasty of the early 1400's, and estimated its worth at between 300,000 dollars and 500,000 dollars. mnIt fetched a much higher price as part of Sotheby's Important Chinese Art auction in New York. Sotheby's said the bowl was "one of the major stars" of the sale, and it set off a four-way bidding battle. "It's always quite astounding to think that it kind of still happens, that these treasures can be discovered," said Angela McAteer, Sotheby's Senior Vice-President and Head of its Chinese Works of Art Department.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Worried about the nutrition of your baby?

Include these in the diet: Cereals and pulses, Vegetables and fruits, one tablespoon of ghee/oil/butter, always introduce one food at a time.

By Dr. Bhuvaneshwar U.S. - Consultant Paediatrician

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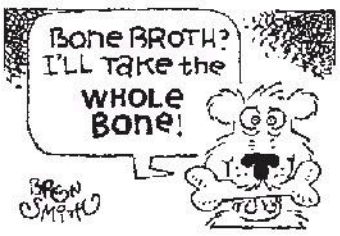


Bone broth is currently one of the hottest trends in nutrition. Bone broth, the water in which bones have been boiled, is rich in protein, collagen, gelatin, glucosamine, chondroitin and minerals often missing in the standard diet.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	APR.2	APR.3
Day's Positive Cases	174	171
Total Positive Cases	56,093	56,264
Day's Discharges	108	146
Total Discharges	54,185	54,331
Day's Deaths	0	6
Total Deaths	1,055	1,061
Total Active Cases	853	872

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Empanelled as Yoga Judge

M.R. Kishore

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (SSV)- Noted yoga exponent of Mysuru, M.R. Kishore has been empanelled to work as Judge in the State and National Yogasana Sports Championships to be organised by National Yogasana Sports Federation and affiliated State Yogasana Sports Associations, till March 2022.

This Certificate has been given by National Yogasana Sports Federation to Kishore, who had participated from Karnataka in the four-day National online Judges and Referees Orientation Programme in the discipline of Yogasana sport.

REALLY...?

- ***There are underground and underwater falls. Underground falls can be found in many caves around the world. The Denmark Strait cataract, located on the western side of the Denmark Strait, is said to be the tallest underwater waterfall. The waterfall drop is about 3,500 meters (11,500 feet).***
- ***The bottom of waterfalls is often clustered with sharp, jagged rocks, as the water crashing into the ground has washed the earth downstream.***
- ***There are a number of types of waterfalls, including ledge and plunge types.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Little five-year-old Johnny was in the bath tub and his mom was washing his hair.

Mom: *"Wow, your hair is growing so fast! You need a haircut again."*

Johnny: *"Maybe you should stop watering it so much !"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.38
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.48
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.98
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.29

VOICE OF THE READER

Please, turn off gas stove before leaving home!

Sir,

Citizens, please be aware of turning off gas stove before leaving home. This incident happened a few weeks ago when I was going to buy some groceries and heard fire engine sound.

On a curious note, I went on to find out that a tenant residing in ground floor house in Ramakrishnanagar had kept stove on to cook some rice and left home without turning it off.

Smoke just filled the whole house and a resident staying on the backside of the house was shocked to see so much of smoke. Immediately she called the Fire Station and guess what?

Fire Officer Nagraj Urs and crew came to the spot immediately and rammed the door to turn off the stove. Had the stove been kept on for a few more minutes, a major disaster would have happened.

—Karthik Mohan
on e-mail
Ramakrishnanagar
20.3.2021

Panel forms guidelines for protection of Western Ghats

Henceforth, any land-use projects must be approved by Disaster Management Authority

Bengaluru, Apr. 4 (KMS& BCT)- The Expert Committee appointed to study landslide-hit regions of Western Ghats submitted its final report 'Landslides in Western Ghats and Coastal Karnataka: Prevention and Mitigation Strategies' to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in Bengaluru on Thursday after conducting a detailed study on landslide prone areas.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the Govt. had constituted the Expert Committee to study the landslides hit places in Western Ghats. The Government will examine the recommendations and take necessary steps, the CM said.

The Committee comprises experts, scientists and senior officials from several Departments. Scientists from ISRO, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Geological Survey of India (GSI) as well as Heads from Forest & Disaster Management Departments are part of the Committee. The Committee's report is crucial as it provides guidelines for the protection of the vulnerable areas like Western Ghats.

As per the findings of the Committee, engineering errors were behind the landslides that occurred in the State in the last three to four years. It has provided guidelines for the protection of rivers and valleys in the vulnerable areas of Western Ghats and coastal region. It has also given several significant scientific suggestions and relief measures for the prevention of landslides.

The Committee has made numerous recommendations for reconstruction. The Committee is headed by Karnataka Biodiversity Board Chairman Anant Hegde Aashisara. The Committee visited Chikkamagalur, Shivamogga, Kodagu, Uttara Kannada, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi from July to August to check ground situation and prepare report.

The Committee has pointed out in the report that over 23 taluks in districts of coastal and Malnad regions of the State are vulnerable to landslips. Based on Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) data, report said 23 taluks were prone to landslips during rainy season, causing damage to lives, properties, and movement of people. The report said heavy rain, mudslips, rock-falls, deforestation, and climate change were major reasons for landslips.

The Committee stressed that henceforth, any land-use projects to be executed in the State, especially in the Western Ghats, must be approved by the Disaster Management Authority and they should prepare a disaster management plan. It has recommended strengthening of the district-level disaster management committee to contain landslips in the Western Ghats.

Prof. T.V. Ramachandra from Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc, Bengaluru, who was also part of the Committee, said that the landslides in Kodagu and Chikkamagalur could happen in other places where many tourism properties and resorts are coming up.

Tusker Kusha put into Kraal at Dubare Camp

Kushalnagar, Apr. 4 (Raghu Hebbale&BCT)- Kusha, the 27-year-old male elephant that went missing from Dubare Elephant Camp in Kodagu district, has been put in Kraal now. Kraal is a wooden log enclosure into which elephants are driven to be tamed and Dubare Camp has many such Kraals.

Kusha, in a 'Musth' condition, had ventured into the forests after breaking his heavy chain one-and-a-half years ago in search of a mate and had not returned. He was caught last week and was brought to Meenukolli. Being separated from its mate using force, Kusha was showing unruly behaviour and this is the reason why it has been put into a Kraal.

Here, Kusha will be tamed to adapt to the requirements of the Forest Department like patrolling, Kumki or safari purpose or even to capture other wild elephants that are unleashing terror in human habitats.

Kusha has been caged in wooden Kraal whose strength is much more than that of the elephant. He was pushed into the Kraal with the help of other elephants. Kraals are made of strong wooden logs of eucalyptus which are difficult for an elephant to break. His rigorous training has begun and according to Department officials, Kusha is showing resistance as the earlier training has faded from his memory.

After escaping from the Dubare Camp, Kusha had stayed in the wild for too long. Usually, elephants leave the camps in search of mates but would return after some time — post-mating season. But Kusha did not return and he has actually become a wild tusker.

"Earlier he was a no-non-sense elephant and now he has turned naughty. Moreover, he is angry as he has been forcibly separated from his female companion. His movements show resistance and he is actually dangerous if left in the wild and might attack humans," said Kushalnagar Range Forest Officer Ananya Kumar.

He said that Kusha has lost up to 200 kg weight roaming in the wild but he is healthy. "He has forgotten his Mahout's basic commands and is not obeying orders. Usually, we keep a wild elephant inside the Kraal for six months and this too depends on the behavioural change in the pachyderms. Kusha, I think we will keep for a month or so and its sufficient time for him to remember the commands or relearn them," Ananya Kumar said.

Kusha has settled down in the Kraal. While the elephant is showing mild signs of distress, it is not aggressive. "We are feeding green fodder and water to the tusker and are also giving it minimum food. Its health condition is good," he added.

During the course of taming, other female elephants in the camp will be brought near Kusha who would try to touch and befriend him. As he makes friends, the next stage of the training would be teaching him visual commands and sounds, said a Mahout.

Elephants Kusha and Lava were caught during an operation at Betekadu in Virajpet taluk four years ago and both were tamed at the Dubare camp by Mahout Mani and Kavadi Ravi. Now Mani and Ravi are again in-charge of Kusha.

KPSC gets new Chairman

Shivashankarappa Sahukar

Bengaluru, Apr. 4- Shivashankarappa S. Sahukar, a member of KPSC (Karnataka Public Service Commission), has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Commission. He replaces former IAS officer Shadakshari Swamy, who retired as the KPSC Chairman yesterday.

Governor Vajubhai R. Vala issued an order on Saturday appointing Shivashankarappa S. Sahukar as the KPSC Chairman, following a recommendation of the State Government.

Shivashankarappa, a native of Hemanala village in Devadurga taluk of Raichur district, became a KPSC Member on Sept. 3, 2019. An Agricultural Engineering Graduate, he will hold the office of KPSC Chairman for three-and-a-half years. With Shivashankarappa's elevation as the Chairman, a member post in KPSC has become vacant.

NEWS BRIEFS

Babu Jagjivan Ram's Birth Anniversary

Marking 114th birth anniversary of Babu Jagjivan Ram, District Administration has organised a programme in which floral tributes will be paid to the statue of Babu Jagjivan Ram, opposite City Railway Station Circle here tomorrow (Apr. 5) at 9.30 am.

Free computer training

Kaushalya Karnataka has invited applications from unemployed youths belonging to SC, ST and OBC to provide free computer training at Rastriya Computer Saksharatha Samithi (RCSS) Training Division in city. Candidates will be imparted training in domestic data entry operator skills — Computer Basic, Data Entry, Form Filling, Hardware and Networking. Classes will start from Apr. 5. Interested may visit the RCSS centre in Kuvempunagar [Ph: 0821-2560268 or 93802-31665].

Applications invited

Applications are invited from students belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes of all Departments and Colleges coming under the ambit of University of Mysore, Ph.D secured researchers, Graduate and Post-Graduate degree holders, who have secured first rank, as the Varsity has decided to felicitate them on Apr. 14 in connection with the 130th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Those who have secured first rank during the academic years 2019-20 and 2020-21, have to submit details along with certificate, Ph.D notification and caste certificate to SC/ST Special Unit, Maharaja's College Centenary Hall, Mysuru, before Apr. 9.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Yesterday	:	100.43 feet
Inflow	:	175 cusecs
Outflow	:	460 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,264.05 feet
Inflow	:	91 cusecs
Outflow	:	725 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,822.56 feet
Inflow	:	37 cusecs
Outflow	:	65 cusecs

Pourakarmikas happy as MCC ends contract system

From this month, they will get salary credited to bank account

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (SBD&SSV)- Pourakarmikas on contract are happy now. Their exploitation for many years by contractors has finally ended on Mar. 31 after Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) decided to transfer their salary directly to bank account. This will benefit around 1,500 Pourakarmikas working as outsourced workers.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag cancelled the work order issued for engaging Contract Pourakarmikas in city cleaning works. They were taken on contract basis for door to door collection of garbage and cleaning works in all 65 Wards, through floating tender. Several Contract Pourakarmikas became permanent employees of the Corporation during direct recruitment drive.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner approved direct transfer of salary to bank accounts of 839 Pourakarmikas. In regard to 724 other outsourced workers, the nod of the Corporation Council was obtained for extending that benefit to these people.

Subsequently, as per the Government directive, contract system was abolished and arranged for crediting the salary directly to their bank account. A new software was developed to ensure strict attendance of Pourakarmikas.

It was decided to use the vehicles of contractors for some time till the MCC buys new vehicles. The contract between the Corporation and the contractors ceased on Mar. 31, 2021 and a new system of direct transfer of salary to bank account was implemented with effect from yesterday. With this, the long pending demand of Pourakarmikas has been fulfilled.

Fight for many years seeking justice for poor Pourakarmikas has come to end with the MCC agreeing for direct transfer of salary to bank account of Pourakarmikas. Henceforth, there will be no contract system. We like to thank MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag for taking such a decision.

—N. Mara, President,
High-Level Committee, Pourakarmika Sangha

Single-use plastic ban: 250-Kg banned plastic seized

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (MTY&SD)- Team of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials, lead by Chief Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj and Environment Engineer S. Mythri, raided a few shops in Devaraja Market here on Friday and have seized 250-kg of banned plastic covers and carry bags from Rekha Enterprises. Strict warning has been issued to the owner of the shop.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag had recently stated that strict enforcement of plastic ban will commence from Apr. 5. The MCC officials have also issued warning to the shopkeepers not to sell the banned single-use plastic items in future, failing which stern action would be initiated against errant shopkeepers.

Despite issuing warning to shops and other manufacturing units in city, considerable number of traders were hiding the banned plastic items in their backyard in a concealed manner and were allegedly continuing to sell such banned plastic products.

When MCC officials raided the premises of Rekha Enterprises on Friday, only areca leaf plates and bowls were on display in front of the shop. On searching the shop premises, MCC officials have found 250-kg of banned plastic covers and carry bags hidden in a concealed manner on the wooden deck in the backside of the shop.

According to reports, in an effort to hide such banned plastic products, some traders are even taking the third or fourth floor of multi-storeyed buildings in Shivrampet area for rent.

Meanwhile, the MCC is handing over all seized plastic covers and carry bags to an organisation by name Jagruthi Private Ltd., who in turn are manufacturing plastic furniture from the banned plastic materials.

In this way, the seized plastic materials would not reach the traders again. Earlier, there were some allegations that some MCC staff were returning all the seized plastic goods back to the traders.

Authorities have claimed that the raids are a continuous process and strict action will be initiated against the violators from Apr. 5.

Mysuru ZP to generate 55 lakh Man days under MGNREGA Scheme this year

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (RKB&DM)- Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO A.M. Yogesh said that the ZP has been planned to generate 55.14 lakh work days (Man Days) under MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) in the district in the year 2020-21.

Addressing a press meet at the ZP Mini Hall here on Thursday, Yogesh said that a Rs. 277 crore action plan has been prepared for creation of 55,14,805 work days (Man days) under MGNREGA.

Pointing out that it has been planned to carry out a total of 37,452 activities, which include a variety of work heads such as Ground Water Conservation, Farmers Action Plan, construction of Multi-Arch check dams, retaining walls, lake de-silting and rejuvenation, canal construction, soak pits, agri-forestry etc., the ZP CEO said that the works also cover school development works, construction of toilets, maintenance of play grounds, rain water harvesting, construction of kitchen rooms in schools, borewell digging, farm ponds etc.

Continuing, Yogesh said that 2.94 lakh job cards have been issued in the district and the daily wage under the scheme has been raised to Rs. 289 with effect from Apr. 1 form the earlier Rs. 275.

Noting that out of the 2.94 lakh job card holders, 1.7 lakh are active beneficiaries who continue to be engaged in labour under MGNREGA Scheme, he said that last year, 35 lakh working days target was set, which target was exceeded (116 percent) with the creation of 40.61 lakh Man days.

Maintaining that Mysuru ZP stands third in the State after Udupi and Kodagu in the implementation of MGNREGA Scheme, Yogesh said this is a remarkable achievement considering the fact that Mysuru stood at the bottom of the table just a couple of years ago.

ZP President Parimala Shyam, Vice-President Gowramma Somashekar and ZP Deputy Secretary M. Krishnaraj were present during the press meet.

Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO A.M. Yogesh (extreme right) addressing the press meet at the ZP Mini Hall in city on Thursday as ZP Deputy Secretary M. Krishnaraj and President Parimala Shyam look on.

Fearing COVID, Kodagu DC orders closure of tourist spots

Hotels, resorts cancel accommodations till Apr. 20

Madikeri, Apr. 4 (Akshay& BCT)- To contain the spread of COVID-19, the Kodagu District Administration has banned the entry of tourists and the general public to places of tourist interest.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Charulata Somal issued an order last evening and has prohibited the entry of tourists until Apr. 20. She said any violation of her order was punishable under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act, 2020.

Kodagu has become the first district in Karnataka to ban the entry of tourists in the wake of second wave hitting the State with increased number of positive cases. With a sharp surge in cases reported from across the State, the directive brings back the memories of 2020 restrictions on inter-district movement.

The entry of visitors and tourists to Raja's Seat, Mandalpatti, Talacauvery, Bhagamandala, Abbey and Irpu Falls, Rajara Gaddige in Madikeri, Dubare Elephant Camp and Cauvery Nisargadhama has been banned. Following the ban, all resorts, homestays are cancelling their bookings till Apr. 20.

A large number of tourists had booked accommodations including dormitories for the series of holidays during Ugadi and weekend next week. Now, all those are being cancelled and refunds are being issued to those tourists who have paid in advance.

"Without tourist spots there is no point in tourists staying in hotels and resorts. The DC's ban will be a huge blow to us as our businesses were just looking up after the lockdown and subsequent tourist cancellations," Sabeel, Proprietor of Castle Continental Hotel in Kushalnagar told *Star of Mysore*.

Following the DC's orders, the main gates of Cauvery Nisargadhama and Dubare Elephant Camp have been shut and White-water River Rafting at Dubare has been cancelled. The Golden Temple at Bylakuppe Tibetan Camp has also been closed till June 11.

Meanwhile, Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri has clarified that there is no proposal of closing tourist places in Mysuru. "We are strictly following all COVID norms imposed by the Government. However, there is no proposal to close down tourist spots in Mysuru. We have got directions from the Chief Minister in this regard. The tourism industry has already suffered under severe losses due to lockdown and we cannot afford to close the tourist spots as many livelihoods are dependent on the industry," she said.

Arun Singh to visit Bengaluru on Apr.8

to broker truce between CM, Eshwarappa

Arun Singh

Bengaluru, Apr. 4- Days after RDPR Minister and senior BJP leader K.S. Eshwarappa reportedly wrote to the Governor and the BJP High Command accusing Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa of certain administrative lapses and interference concerning his Ministry, Arun Singh, in-charge of BJP affairs in Karnataka, is scheduled to arrive in Bengaluru on Apr. 8 to broker peace between the CM and Eshwarappa.

While Eshwarappa has stuck to his guns, Yediyurappa, who has remained silent on the issue till date, is reportedly very upset with his once close associate. Eshwarappa and Yediyurappa had built the party hand-in-hand in their home district of Shivamogga right from the grassroots level decades ago. But once in power, they have disassociated often, due to inner bickerings and other political considerations.

After Eshwarappa's purported letter, the Chief Minister's camp has been firing salvos at the RDPR Minister, claiming that it was Eshwarappa who was creating hurdles for party MLAs, prompting them to complain to the CM, who only acted on such complaints.

According to BJP sources, the party High Command has tasked BJP In-Charge of Karnataka Arun Singh to broker peace in the party and the Cabinet, even as relations between the two former close associates has soured to such an extent that they do not talk to each other, except when it is inevitable.

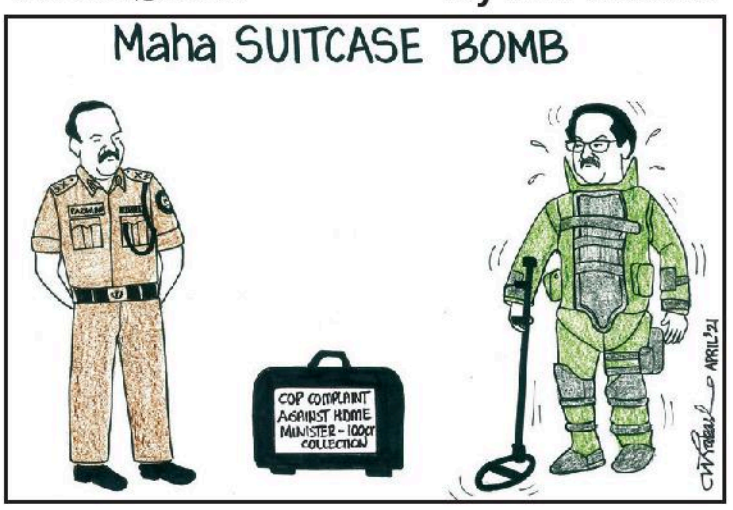
Water disruption today and tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 4- Due to repair and maintenance works of power feeder lines to Belagola Pumping Station, there will be disruption of water supply in the following areas of the city on Apr. 4 and 5:

Mandi Mohalla, Lashkar Mohalla, Yadavagiri, Bannimantap A, B and C Layouts, Veeranagere, Siddiquinagar, Shivarathreeshwaranagar, Tilaknagar, Bademakaan, Halimnagar, parts of Devaraja Mohalla, Nazarbad, Vidyaranyapuram, Vishweshwaranagar, Chamundipuram, Meena Bazar, areas coming under MCC Ward Nos. 8, 17, 18, 19, 23 to 27, 40, 41, 55, 60, 61 and 62, Metagalli and Hebbal Industrial Areas, according to a press release issued by Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW).

TEASER

By N. Prakash



Youth crushed to death as concrete-loaded bucket falls on him

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (YDS&DM)- In a tragic incident, a 21-year-old construction worker was crushed to death when a concrete-loaded bucket, which was being lifted up, collapsed and fell on him on Friday.

The deceased youth has been identified as Mohammad Yasin, a resident of Nehrunagar in city.

Mohammad Yasin was engaged in alteration work of a lodge on Irwin Road, when a concrete-loaded bucket which was being lifted up with the help of a rope, crashed and fell on his head.

Due to the impact, Yasin sustained serious head injuries and died at the spot, it is learnt.

Mandi Police have registered a case in this regard.

Labourer dies after falling from under-construction building

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (YDS&DM)- A 60-year-old construction labourer was killed after he accidentally fell from an under-construction building at Somanathnagar in city yesterday.

The deceased has been identified as Shivanna, a resident of Devayyanahundi in Mysuru taluk.

Shivanna was working at the upper floor of an under-construction house at Somanathnagar in Dattagalli 3rd Stage on Saturday afternoon, when he accidentally slipped and fell. He died at the spot due to grievous injuries.

The jurisdictional Jayapura Police have registered a case in this regard.

Woman robbed of chain

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (YDS&DM)- After a brief lull, chain-snatchers have struck again in city, with a 52-year-old woman losing her gold chain on Saturday.

Shashi, a resident of Gokulam, was walking towards her house near the Junction of Manjunathapura-KRS Road at about 8 am yesterday, when two bike-borne miscreants who came from behind, yanked off her 40-gm gold chain and fled in a flash.

V.V. Puram Police have registered a case in this regard and are investigating.

Man missing since a year

Shivaramu

Mysuru, Apr. 4- A 35-year-old man, who left his house in May last year for work, has since gone missing.

Shivaramu, a resident of Sahukarhundi in Mysuru taluk, who left his house on the morning of May 5, 2020 saying that he was going for work, has not returned since then.

All efforts to trace him have proved futile so far, according to a belated complaint lodged by his mother at Yelwal Police Station.

Those having any clues about the said person, can call Yelwal Police on 0821-2402222 or 2444800 or Mob: 94808-05031.

Obituary

Dr. Pattada C. Indira

Mysuru, Apr. 4- Dr. Pattada C. Indira Kalyanasunderam (82), a resident of Sharadadevinagar in city, passed away here this morning.

Her husband Kalyanasunderam had predeceased her. She leaves behind a sister, brother and host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

More Music comes looking for Me !

Starting from the days of my early childhood, till as late as the late seventies, we had this tradition of listening to our collection of records, first on our hand wound gramophone and later on the much newer electric record players that we acquired as time went by. Whenever we had visitors at home, it was always my self-acquired job to carefully remove the records from their paper sleeves and play them one by one to the delight of our guests and these happy sessions would go on late into the nights because our collection of records was very large.

And, although this practice persisted even as we acquired our first cassette player in the year 1972, it began to take a back seat gradually, till it slowly faded away in a decade after that. Because the same change of scene occurred in almost all music loving households, the era of gramophone records, which by then had come to be called vinyl records, made way for the compact cassette completely.

Record players in almost all households sadly fell silent and people started disposing off their records which were gathering dust in their attics and garages. That was when one day **Mrs. Gladys Coutinho,** the wife of my high school headmaster **J.M. Coutinho,** who was our neighbour, offered her entire collection of vintage English music records to me as a gift which I was overjoyed to receive. I still have this collection with me in the original custom-made wooden box in which it came to me!

A little later, when I saw an ad in *SOM* which said that a lady wanted to sell away her record player with her collection of records of old Hindi songs, I lost no time in rushing to her house and ringing her doorbell. **I picked up this player and every one of the records without bargaining with her and while she seemed very happy to have got the price she wanted for them, I on my part was more than happy that I had got so many songs and a player too for a song!**

Gladys Coutinho

J.M. Coutinho

K.L. Saigal

Khursheed Bano

The interesting part here is that when I accidentally met this genial old lady a few years later, she seemed overjoyed to see me and after a brief conversation, as we were about to say goodbye, she asked me if I still had the records she had sold me. When I replied in the affirmative, she very hesitatingly asked if she could make a small request to which I asked her to go ahead. She then asked me if I could give her just one of her records back to her as a keepsake? How could I say no to someone who had given away a storehouse of happiness to me?

When I asked her if she wanted just any record as a memento or any particular record, she mentioned one and said she would be happy if I could give her that because it was a gift, she had received on her birthday from a close relative. I told her to go home and wait for me and this time too I lost no time in rushing to her house and ringing her doorbell, holding my gift for her in my hand! That was when she tearfully said that I had brought so much of happiness into her life with my act of generosity. She said, **"Doctor, although I'll never be able to play this record without its player, I'll still treasure the memory of having listened to it and whenever I set my eyes on it, I'll hear it playing!"**

To illustrate her point she quoted this Urdu couplet by the poet Hayath Amrohvi: *'Zindagi, ka saaz bhi kya saaz hai, Baj raha hai, par beawaaz hai!'* Translated it means: **'So strange is this melody of my life, It plays on in my heart but only soundlessly!'**

The two very unexpected musical acquisitions of mine extended the gramophone era for me by a full decade. **Although I could easily have copied this music onto tapes, I did not do so as I relished and cherished the romance of playing those records on an old-fashioned turn-table and listening to them late into the nights on weekends with my best friend, Arun Joyappa, with the two of us munching crisp *pakodas!*** Arun had his own large collection of records which he would bring over to supplement mine and those were really magical days for the two of us!

A couple of days after I wrote the first piece of this vintage music series which you are now reading, my friend Mukesh and his wife Madhu came calling once again with another set of four unused gramophone records which they had earlier said they might bring. Of these, three were of the legendary singer **K.L. Saigal** who ruled the music world during his time, and one was a much rarer one of **Khursheed Bano** the doyenne of the vintage era.

Saigal needs no introduction to music lovers. **Either you know him as the singer he was or you just do not know him at all!** Since he was a very handsome man and a very accomplished actor in addition to being a singer, he was considered the first 'superstar' of the Hindi film industry which was then located in Kolkata before it gradually moved to Mumbai. **Saigal's voice became the benchmark for almost all male singers of that era and most of them unabashedly discarded their own original voices to mimic him and climb the mountain of success!** Because he died at the age of just forty-two, in a very brief career spanning over just fifteen years, Saigal left a legacy of music that could not be matched for many years by any of the singers who came on the scene after him.

Born as **Ishrat Jahan,** in a village near Lahore, **Khursheed Bano** started her film career in the year 1931 although the first record of her songs was struck only in the year 1939. She sang many songs with Saigal and her style of singing which cannot be described in words and which we now just label as the **'vintage style'** became extinct with the arrival of **Lata Mangeshkar.** I can only say that what was most distinctive about it is the sharp nasal tone which perhaps all singers of that era, both male and female, felt was the most important requisite for any accomplished singer!

Now, the solitary record of this lady that I received was of two songs from the film ***Bhakt Surdas,*** which along with the film ***Tansen,*** was a raging hit of that time. Very soon after I received this second set of four records, I received a mail from a young engineer, **Mithun.** He wrote to say that his father **Madanraj Urs,** who was a regular reader of my column, had a collection of about twenty-five gramophone records which he wanted to hand over to me as a gift. My joy knew no bounds but since I was away from Mysuru at that time I replied saying that I would contact his father after my return which I did without wasting any time. We scheduled a meeting at my house the very next day and meet we did. **But the story of this most interesting meeting needs to be told in much greater detail and so I'll leave it untold here today but certainly not for very long! So please stay tuned!**

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Youths redeem 'Gods'

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Through this act, the Yuva Brigade is sending out a message to households not to discard their religious items by the roadside even if it is under peepal or banyan trees which are considered holy. "We want to remind people that it is their duty to maintain cleanliness of their surroundings," they said.

"These idols used mostly in household *pujas* are left under peepal trees once prayers are over. People often leave broken idols and pictures of Gods under peepal trees, as these are considered holy, but they gradually degrade over time," Chandrashekar, Yuva Brigade in-charge of Mysuru told *SOM*.

After separating the glass from the photos, the glass and wooden frames would be handed over to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for reuse and recycling and the photos would be buried in pits where later trees would be planted, he added.

Online petition

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"We are not against development — but development at what cost and at whose cost? Are there no alternatives? Why 1,000 trees have to be cut for a tourism project meant for the rich and the elite? We have enough space in Mysuru for the Heli Tourism project. We will not allow the trees to be cut," he reiterated.

Environmentalists of Mysuru had planned to hold a novel protest through bird and butterfly watching near the proposed helipad area this morning. But it was cancelled following denial of permission by the Police in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic and the Government guidelines banning all kinds of protests, dharnas and rallies till April 20. Instead, the environmentalists took the online route to vent their anger against the State Government's decision to construct the helipad near Lalitha Mahal Palace.

The greens contended that if the helipad and docking stations were allowed near Lalitha Mahal Palace, density of traffic will increase in the surrounding areas. In the name of security for VVIPs, many more trees will be axed. In the interest of protection of greenery in City, it will be better to shift this project to the city outskirts, they said. They have also appealed to all citizens to raise their voice against this project which is detrimental to sustainable development of city.

Meanwhile, it was learnt that the environmentalists are planning to move the Court against this project in a day or two. The overwhelming response for the online petition has boosted the cause.

30,000 jabs in just 3 days

Doctors, paramedics of Government schemes to join 'Mission Vaccination' from tomorrow

Dr. Sudheer Naiak, Senior Medical Officer (World Health Organisation), demonstrating vaccination at a training programme at Vaidya Bhavan in DHO Office in city this morning. Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer and In-Charge of COVID-19 vaccination in Government Hospitals and Dr. T. Shivashankar, specialist, are also seen.

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (SSV)- To make up for the shortage of doctors and paramedical staff for ongoing Phase-4 vaccination drive for those above 45 years of age, the District Health Department is borrowing the services of doctors and paramedical staff from Departments of AYUSH, National Health Mission (NHM) and Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK).

"Doctors and paramedics numbering around 200 are being given special training this morning on vaccinating COVID-19 vaccine for beneficiaries above 45 years at all periphery hospitals in the district. They will be put on 'Mission Vaccination' from tomorrow," Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO) and In-charge of COVID-19 Vaccination Officer in Government Hospitals, told *SOM* this morning.

He said, training programme is organised at Vaidya Bhavan in office of District Health Officer (DHO) for doctors and paramedical staff of those Departments where they are given basic training of handling both vaccines.

Under RBSK, 40 doctors and 40 staff nurses are available. Similarly, under NHM, about 20 doctors are working and 70-80 doctors and paramedical staff are working in AYUSH Department. All put together, they will get a good number of doctors and paramedical staff whose services are going to be used in the ongoing vaccination for citizens above 45 years of age. After a half day training, they will be stationed in periphery Government facilities to vaccinate people from tomorrow.

War against pandemic

"It is a war-like situation and the District Government is doing everything possible to do the maximum vaccination coverage within the shortest period. Since there is shortage of doctors and paramedical staff, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri has taken a bold decision to borrow them from various schemes of the State and National Health Programmes. Having an additional 200 doctors and paramedical staff is always an advantage," Dr. Ravi opined.

Convert Pvt. Hospitals as Sub-Health Centres

He said that the District Administration has taken a decision to declare Private Hospitals as Sub-Health Centres in city where a special centre will be created to vaccinate people free of cost.

This is being done in the wake of lack of facilities at 500-plus Government Sub-Health Centres in the district. Talks were going on with the management of Private Hospitals and a decision may be taken in a day or two. The District Administration wants to set up its own 'make-shift' unit inside the private facility to vaccinate people free. The staff in these temporary units will be from the Government side.

The Private Hospitals are free to vaccinate people by charging Rs. 250 per dose. This will help the Government to make use of the existing clinical facilities of the Private Hospitals during emergency, he noted.

30,000 in 3 days

Around 30,000 persons above 45 years have taken vaccination since Apr. 1. Response has been definitely encouraging in city than in rural areas. With Media highlighting COVID-19 second wave round-the-clock and the State Government issuing fresh guidelines to check the pandemic, more people are now coming to vaccination booths to get the first dose. Serpentine queue in front of three to four registration counters at Trauma Care Centre of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) on KRS Road indicates people's concern about their health. Now, people are coming in groups to get vaccinated and it is definitely a positive note, said Dr. Ravi.

The problem the District Administration is facing has been in rural areas where ASHA workers have to go to villages and literally beg people to get vaccinated. "Villagers are being invited as if for marriage function. There has been no voluntary participation of rural masses despite explaining them that both the vaccines are safe."

Sewing success in times of COVID-19

Mysuru women to stitch 16 lakh cloth bags to be distributed among residents

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Apr. 4- Strict enforcement of plastic ban will commence from tomorrow (Apr. 5) in Mysuru. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials have also issued warning to the shopkeepers not to sell the banned single-use plastic items in future, failing which stern action would be initiated against errant shopkeepers.

Meanwhile, in an effort to curb plastic bag usage, the District Administration is all set to distribute 16 lakh cloth bags. As part of this endeavour, women have shouldered the responsibility of stitching cloth bags of 5-kg and 10-kg capacity.

The Administration has already purchased the cloth necessary for stitching cloth bags from Handlooms and Khadi Board. Nearly 800 women affiliated to various Self Help Groups (SHGs), under Sanjivini Scheme at Taluk Panchayat (TP) and Zilla Panchayat (ZP) limits in the district, have already started to stitch these bags.

SHGs will get Rs. 15 per bag. If stitching cost is included, the District Administration will be spending a total of Rs. 80 to 85 for two bags. Members of SHGs have already started working on this ambitious project from Apr. 1 and are stitching nearly 40,000 to 50,000 bags per day.

DC Rohini Sindhuri, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag and Mysore Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer C.R. Krishna Kumar are monitoring this project. By the end of this month, MCC is planning to distribute cloth bags to eight lakh houses.

Two years ago, MCC had banned usage of single-use plastic in city. Over the last few years, MCC officials have been conducting raids on a regular basis and seizing banned plastic materials. Now, 'Shun plastic bag and Use cloth bag' campaign has come to the forefront again.

"Strict enforcement of plastic ban will commence from Apr.5 in Mysuru. As an alternative, we are planning to distribute cloth bags to each household. Initially, when we insisted citizens to segregate dry and wet waste at their homes, there was poor response. After we started distributing separate dustbins, there seemed to be some improvement. Similarly, by distributing cloth bags, I think we can effectively implement single-use plastic ban," MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag told *SOM*.

Ban on plastic from tomorrow

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Cloth bags are being prepared by women SHGs and Karnataka State Handloom Development Corporation and will be distributed to all households in the district, DC Rohini Sindhuri said.

While there are 2.2 lakh households in the MCC limits, about 4.4 lakh cloth bags will be distributed. The number of households in nine Town Panchayats across the district has been pegged at 2.89 lakh and about 5.78 lakh cloth bags will be distributed. In rural areas, there are 4.45 lakh households spread across eight taluks and the authorities plan to distribute 8.91 lakh cloth bags to provide the public an alternative to plastic carry bags, the DC said.

"We have tailoring units attached to SHGs where the production of bags will take place. Also, we give the material to the workers and they bring back finished products. Hundreds of women would be roped in for the job," she said adding that business community and vendors will also be directed to shift to the use of cloth bags and we want the public to volunteer to shun the use of plastic bags to make the drive a success and ensure that the plastic waste is reduced.

At religious places including Chamundi Hill and Srikanteshwara Swamy Temple at Nanjangud, small bags would be distributed to all shops selling *puja* materials. "We will do this for two months till the trend sets in. Each bag will cost Rs. 5 and after two months, shopkeepers are expected to buy bags and sell them to the devotees," the DC added.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj and Zilla Panchayat CEO M.A. Yogesh were present.

Mass RT-PCR testing for MCC employees tomorrow

- **3,373 workers to undergo test**
- **Vaccination for all Corporators**

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (SSV)- A mass RT-PCR testing is organised for all employees of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) tomorrow in the wake of 8-10 employees including a few Corporators testing positive for Coronavirus.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag told *SOM* this morning that there are 3,373 employees working in the Corporation and all of them will undergo compulsory RT-PCR testing tomorrow at their places of working. Those working in headquarters will get tested there and for others, in their respective Ward offices and Zonal offices. Testing and vaccination for the Corporators will be held at the Corporation head office tomorrow.

Asked whether the Corporation will be out of bounds of people in the wake of some staff testing positive for Coronavirus, she said as of now there is no such plan as all Departments have been sanitised completely on Saturday.

The citizens have to come to the Corporation for various works including the collection of birth/ death certificates. But crowding will not be allowed inside the Corporation. Everyone will be asked to wear face mask and maintain social distance.

M. Veerappa Endowment Award for city's seashell artist

Mysuru, Apr. 4- Noted seashell artist Radha Mallappa has been selected for Vachana icon M. Veerappa Endowment Award for the year 2020. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 68,000 and a citation.

A native of Hullahalli in Nanjangud taluk of Mysuru district, Radha Mallappa is a multi-faceted artist, having excelled in painting and dance.

She is well-versed in creating artworks out of waste and trash materials. Her creation of 22 ft. tall Ganapathi idol made out of seashells weighing 420-kg has entered the Guinness Book of Records in 2016 as the 'Largest Sea Shell Sculpture.'

Radha Mallappa displayed her artworks made in a span of 40 years at 'Kalashree Bhandar,' her home-cum-museum in Hanumanthanagar, Bannimantap, Mysuru.

Radha has bagged many local, national and International awards including Aryabhata International Award, Bharata Jyothi National Award, Kittur Rani Chennamma State Award, Shilpacharya State Award, Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Award and Shilpa Sevaratna Award, among others.

File photo of artist Radha Mallappa displaying her Guinness Book of World Records certificate and the idol of Lord Ganesha at her home-cum-museum in Hanumanthanagar, Bannimantap.

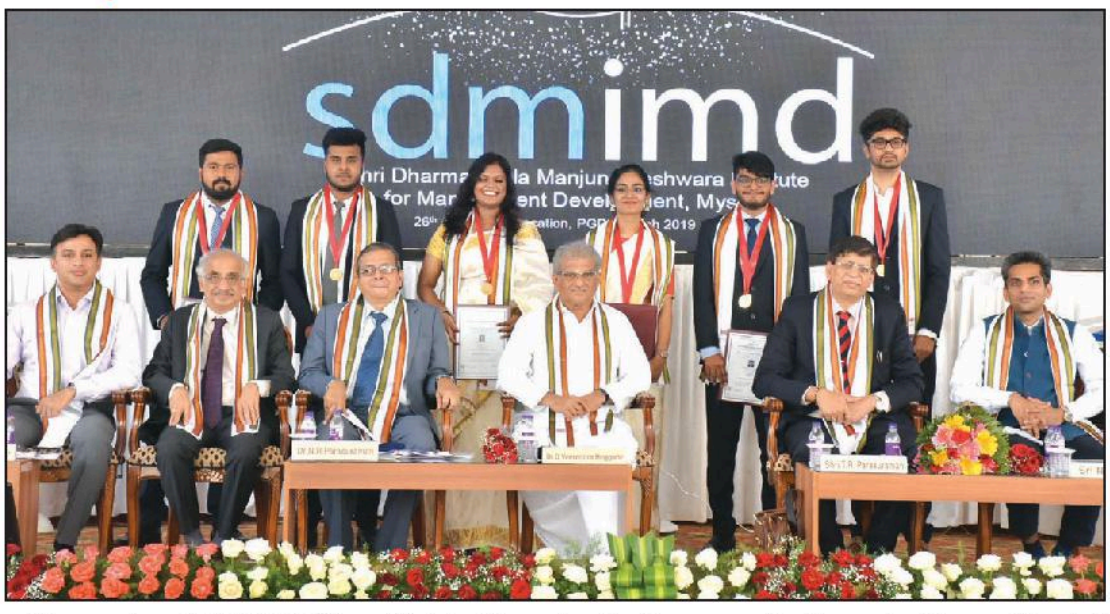
She was also conferred a Hon. Doctorate by National Virtual University in 2019.

The M. Veerappa Endowment Award is instituted by M. Prafullachandra and Satish Prafullachandra, the son and grandson respectively of renowned painter and Founder of Mysore Toys Company of the city M. Veerappa, at JSS Mahavidyapeetha.

The M. Veerappa Endowment Award is given every year to distinguished artists since 2015.

'India will rule the world in manufacturing sector in 20 years'

Toyota Director at SDMIMD Convocation



Mysuru, Apr. 4 (YDS&SSV)- T.R. Parasuraman, President and Whole Time Director, Toyota Industries Engine India Private Limited, has said that the incumbent India was changing and it is going to rule the entire world in manufacturing sector in 20 years.

He was speaking at the 26th annual Convocation of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDMIMD) at the foot of Chamundi Hill here on Friday.

Parasuraman said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious programmes, 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar' were having great vision. Along with this, National Education Policy (NEP) has been an important decision. Under NEP, students of a course can choose subjects of other courses. This is going to play an important role in the country's development. There will be plethora of opportunities for the degree holders of Management Studies, he added.

On this occasion, Dr. Veerendra Heggade, Dharmadhikari of the Dharmasthala, gave away degree certificates to 170 students. While Gourav Maheshwari secured two gold medals, R. Abhishek, Rishab Kumar, Ayesha Nehla, Aman Kumar and Khushboorani have bagged one medal each.

SDMIMD Director Dr. N R Parasuraman, Dy. Director Prof. H. Gayatri, Prof. S.N. Prasad, CII Chairman Pavan G. Ranga, D. Surendrakumar, Nishit Jain and Anant Koppad were present.

Kannada Sahitya Parishat polls

Writer demands appointment of Administrative Officer

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (PM&DM)- Writer **Bannur K. Raju** has urged the State Government to appoint an administrator for Kannada Sahitya Parishat ahead of the polls scheduled to take place on May 9.

Addressing a press meet here on Thursday, Raju said it is legally wrong to hold elections in the absence of an administrator.

Taking objection to the Government's decision to conduct elections without appointing an administrator, he alleged that the State and District offices of Kannada Sahitya Parishat have got converted into poll campaign centres for candidates. Claiming that the office-bearers have not walked out of the offices despite completion of their term, Raju said that the situation in Mysuru Sahitya Parishat was no different.

Contending that one group is attempting to retain power and thus monopolise the literary body, he claimed that the Group was also conspiring to prevent fresh faces from coming to power.

Maintaining that Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Manu Baligar used the office for meeting his own selfish ends, Raju alleged that Baligar got his term extended to five years from three years and also misled the Government on holding elections sans administrator.

He urged Baligar to quit his post and contest again. He also accused Baligar of promoting corrupt elements in the Parishat, who were out to destroy the century old Kannada literary body.

Advocate and writer Dr. R.D. Kumar, Historian Prof. Nanjaraj Urs, writers D.N. Krishnamurthy and K.S. Narasimhamurthy, singer Revanna and others were present at the press meet.

'PM Modi will make RBI as Reliance Bank of India'

Accuses former MLA Somashekar

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (MTY&SSV)- Accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi of neglecting the people and protecting the interests of a few industrialists, former Congress MLA **M.K. Somashekar** has said days are not far for converting Reserve Bank of India (RBI) into 'Reliance Bank of India.'

Addressing a news conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here on Friday, he said COVID-19 pandemic may have hit the global economy but it was a boon for Indian businessman, Mukesh Ambani who has climbed to 4th spot in the list of world's richest persons, thanks to Modi's blessings.

The contribution of Modi has been big behind Ambani's achievement. "I had believed that the country will benefit after Modi becomes PM. But I am disappointed as the country's economy is in doldrums. It is RSS which is ruling India and Modi is just a namesake PM," he claimed.

Somashekar said the Union Government and Modi were helping in handing over the country's wealth to few individuals. Privatisation of banks, Life Insurance Corporation, BSNL, BEML, BPCL, Indian Airlines, airports and other Public Sector Undertakings, has begun. The wrong policies of Modi have made people's life miserable. The prices of essential commodities and fuel have hit the roof much to the worry of citizens. While former PM Indira Gandhi nationalised banks to save them from the clutches of rich and render help to poor, Modi was privatising banks for the benefit of some people.

Several nationalised banks were facing the closure threat due to cheating by some industrialists to the tune of crores of rupees. This has made Non-Performing Assets of banks to reach a whopping Rs.14 lakh crore, he said adding, if banks were privatised, poor, middle class, traders, senior citizens and retired officers would be worried about the safety of their money. There would be no guarantee for fixed deposit of the general public. Banks may close anytime without prior information. Need of the hour was to maintain status quo on this issue, he added.

He said BJP Rajya Sabha Member, Dr. Subramanian Swamy has openly said that PM Modi has no knowledge of economics due to his decisions like privatisation of PSUs. The BJP leaders, who were hitherto defending Modi, were now criticising his policies. It was high time people raise their voice against anti-people and anti-farmer, and pro-industrialist policies of the Union Government, or otherwise they have to pay heavy price in the coming days, the ex-MLA observed.

Former Mayor Narayan, leaders Shivanna, Sridharmurthy and Vijaykumar were present at the press meet.

'City needs Green Tourism, not a helipad at scenic Lalitha Mahal'

Green activists write to Tourism Minister against Heliport facility from a butterfly-dominated area

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (OSR)- Three prominent social activists in city have appealed to the State Government to shelve its proposed construction of a helipad next to Lalitha Mahal Palace or on its surroundings in a bid to promote 'Heli Tourism' in Mysuru.

In a letter to Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar, who is also the Environment and Ecology Minister, activists Bhamy V. Shenoy, M.K. Saptha Girish and S. Shyalajesha have said what they need was sustainable development.

"Not superficial and ephemeral attraction provided by helicopter tourism or ropeway project to reach Chamundi Hill or energy guzzling Disneyland type of entertainment at the cost of hundreds of trees which are the lung spaces. In fact, Mysuru is one of the five model cities selected by the UN-habitat to demonstrate how to achieve sustainable development," they said.

THREE ALTERNATIVES

Activists have suggested the following 3 alternatives if the Government was under pressure to promote Heli Tourism:

- To request the Wadiyar family to lease out existing place.
- To build it on a vacant land available at Karnataka Exhibition Ground as landing space required was only about 10,000 square feet.
- To use Mysore Airport at Mandakalli — all over the world, airports are used for helicopter landing and Mysore Airport is not all that far away, they said.

"We have studied the bio-diversity surrounding Lalitha Mahal Hotel. It was true that vegetation does not consist of hundred-year-old trees. But it is a home to 180 species of butterflies. They include the State Butterfly which is Southern Birdwing, the biggest in India. Besides there are many rare ones like Malabar Banded Peacock, Scarce Shot Silverline, Indigo Flash, Red Flash, Common Shot Silverline, Red Helen, Lime Swallow Tail, Striped Pierrot, Western Striped Albatross, etc.," they wrote.

In addition, there is also the annual migration of the Blue Tiger, Common Crow and Albatross Butterflies from the Western Ghats to the Eastern Ghats. This is the main place for their congregation. It is because of about 40 species of host plants which are important for the breeding of butterflies. This area can be considered as 'natural museum' of butterflies, they opined.

They pointed out that this place was also the sanctuary for several types of birds. "By one count there were 77 different types of birds all through the year. They include important winter visitors like the Golden oriole, Brown shrike, Warblers, Gray wagtail etc., with the common birds like Barbets, Kingfishers, Gray Hornbill, Parakeets etc. to name a few.

By preserving this space as a natural museum of butterflies and birds, they can attract more tourists than through heli-tourism which will end up destroying this vegetation. Clearing the vegetation near Lalitha Mahal palace to build another helipad is tantamount to a criminal act of destroying green coverage.

AAP opposes proposed Heli Tourism project

Mysuru, Apr. 4 - Though tourism development is a need of the hour, it should not be at the expense of environment and by ecological destruction.

Malavika Gubbivani

"The Lalitha Mahal Palace grounds houses hundreds of fruit and flower-bearing trees and is home to innumerable birds and urban wildlife. It is also part of the ever dwindling lung space for Mysureans," said Malavika Gubbivani, District Convener of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Mysuru, in a press release. "Several NGOs and Environmentalists have already objected to this project. If the project is not shelved or shifted to another suitable location immediately, Mysureans will be forced to approach the National Green Tribunal (NGT) for a stay," said Malavika Gubbivani.

Mysuru Film City plan gains momentum

Information Department Commissioner visits Himmavu; CM to hold meeting next week

Mysuru, Apr. 4 (SSV)- Following a meeting convened by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in connection with Film City project on Apr. 7 in Bengaluru, Dr. P.S. Harsha, Commissioner, Department of Information and Public Relations, visited Himmavu, the proposed location of the project, yesterday.

He asked the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) officials to prepare an action plan for providing basic infrastructure to the proposed facility such as water supply for taking up necessary works.

Nanjangud Tahsildar Mohana Kumari informed that the 110 acres of the Government land, identified for this project, had to be handed over officially to the Department of Information and Public Relations through KIADB.

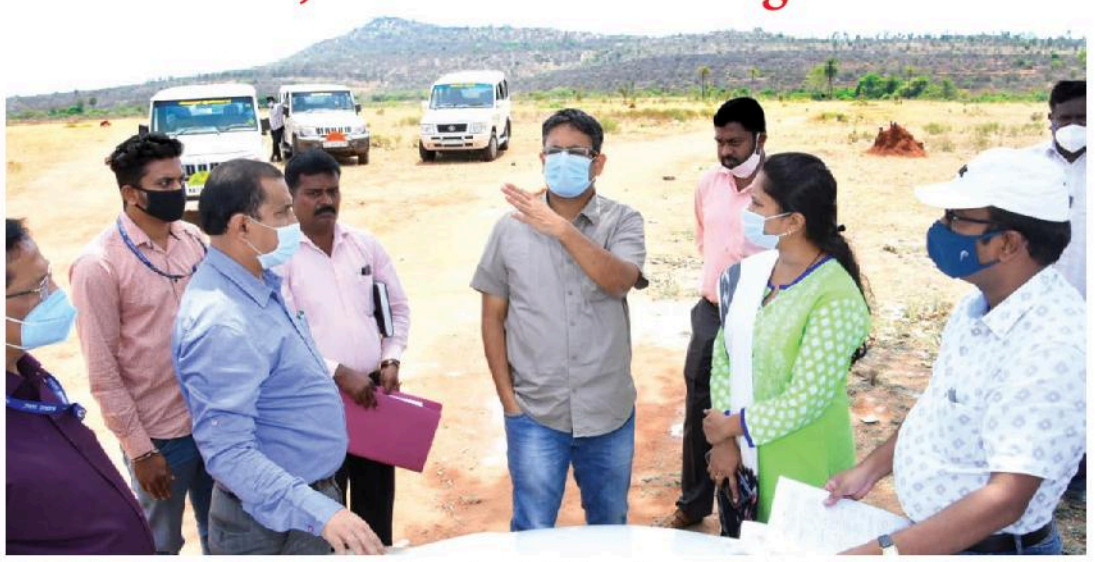
The Commissioner directed the KIADB officers to get ready with an action plan. The CM has convened a meeting in this regard in Bengaluru on Apr. 7 and all officers must attend the meeting to provide information on land transfer.

Dr. Harsha opined that this was a very big project and once established it will provide employment to over 5,000 people including artistes, technicians and workers daily. Besides, it will also become a place of tourism. In view of this, Departments must prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) and implement the project.

On the construction and maintenance of the proposed facility, Harsha said a district-level implementation committee has to be constituted and told his department officials to discuss with the district administration on the members, including the elected representatives, VIPs and officials, to be accommodated in the Committee.

The attempt to establish Film City was started in 1972 and several places were identified for this. Finally, in 2015-16, the State Government identified Himmavu near Mysuru for this project. The incumbent CM Yediyurappa announced in State Budget for 2021-22, setting up of the Film City at Himmavu at a cost of Rs.500 crore.

Currently, the project will be executed in Public-Private Partnership (PPP). To hasten implementation of this project, Dr. Harsha visited the proposed spot. Deputy Director (in-charge), Vinod Chandra, K.S. Vijayananda and R. Raju, Assistant Directors, Department of Information and Public Relations, Ramesh, Survey Supervisor, KIADB and officers from other Departments were present.



Dr. P.S. Harsha (centre), Commissioner, Department of Information and Public Relations, in discussion with officials during his visit to Himmavu, the proposed location of the project, yesterday.

WORD OF THE DAY

Foist

Pronunciation: FOIST.
Meaning: To introduce or insert surreptitiously or without warrant; to force another to accept especially by stealth or deceit; to pass off as genuine or worthy.
Origin: An early sense of the word foist, now obsolete, referred to palming a phony die and secretly introducing it into a game at an opportune time. The action involved in this cheating tactic reflects the etymology of foist. The word is believed to derive from the obsolete Dutch verb vuisten, meaning "to take into one's hand." Vuisten in turn comes from vuyst, the Middle Dutch word for "fist," which itself is distantly related to the Old English ancestor of fist. By the late 16th century, foist was being used in English to mean "to insert surreptitiously," and it quickly acquired the meaning "to force another to accept by stealth or deceit."
Example: "I probably should have apologised for bringing her into this house and foisting my family upon her, burdening her with her own role in our domestic drama." — Ani Katz, A Good Man, 2020.

THE ODD WORD

Faience

Glazed coloured earthware.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Finger lickin' good

Meaning: When something is finger lickin' good that means it tastes great. This phrase is typically used when talking about food.
Origin: This phrase originates from Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC), a fast food restaurant founded in 1930. Most fast food places have a slogan of some kind that makes it easier to remember them. In the year 1956, KFC's slogan was the phrase "finger lickin' good." The idea with this slogan is that a lot of KFC's food can be eaten with only the hands. Thus, after finishing a meal, all that salt and flavoring is still on one's fingers. So instead of washing them off, a person might lick them clean, hence the phrase. Throughout the years, KFC has had a few different slogans. "Nobody does chicken like KFC" was one of them. Another was "so good." Regardless, none of their other slogans have become as commonly used as "finger lickin' good." In 2011, despite the popularity of the slogan "finger lickin' good" and the fact that they've been using it for a little over 50 years, KFC decided to drop it in favor of another. While they may have dropped it, it still remains as a phrase that's regularly heard.

QUOTE BOX

A recipe has no soul. You, as the cook, must bring soul to the recipe.

— Thomas Keller

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

HE ADA CHE

Answer: Splitting headache.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Slack or loose
4 Animal house
7 "S" in SF the city
10 The French for 'blue'
12 Dander or anger
13 Oak for example
15 Depressed
17 Narrow inlets
18 Cal. month
19 Vital organ
20 Smooth and glossy
23 Expression of relief
25 Mister in German
26 A falcon of Europe and Asia
29 An ugly old woman
30 Cry of delight
31 Oath, promise
33 Not any person
36 Former Yugoslav leader
37 Stoppers
38 ____ Thomas : famous poet?
39 Salivate
42 Inquire of
43 Display or practice model (abbrev.)
44 The longest chord of a circle?
49 ____ off: drove
50 "Like" suffix
51 Bench or pew
52 Newly spawned fishes
53 Brother's younger sibling
54 Singing syllable

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

■	U	N	D	■	B	T	U	■	U	S	B	■
K	N	E	E	■	L	A	R	■	N	Y	E	T
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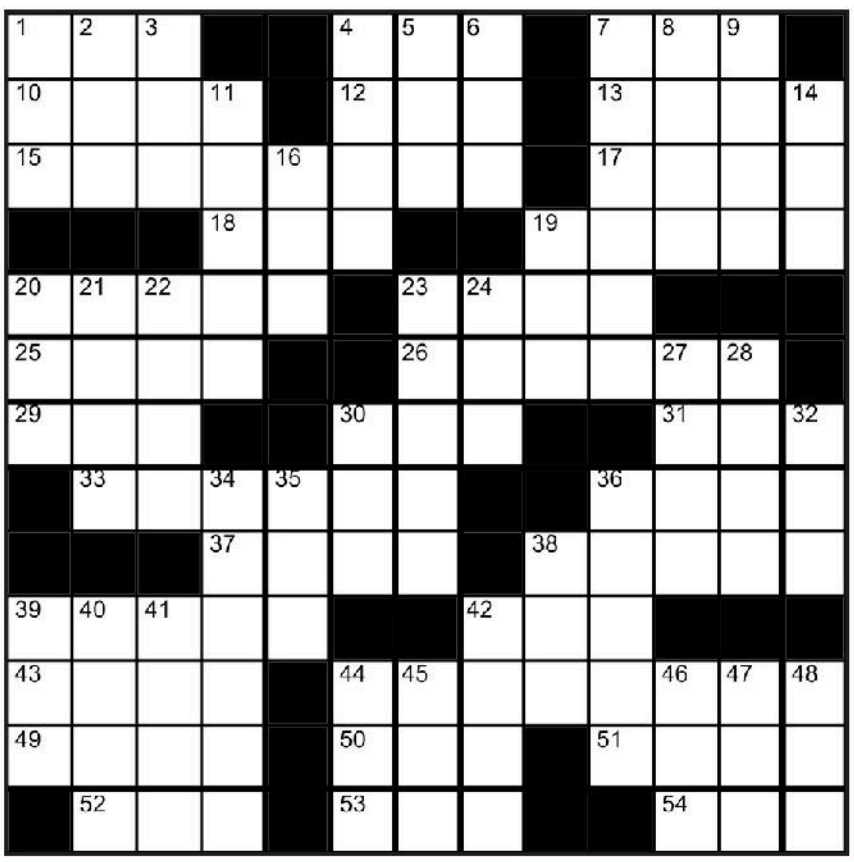
DOWN

1 Pounds abbr
2 ____ mode : in this fashion or style (1,2)
3 Marked wrong
4 Metallic element
5 Mine material
6 Ref. book
7 Scattered about
8 An Italian song
9 A __ thing : almost a disaster?
11 A mammary gland?
14 Superlative suffix
16 Comics cry
19 Female bird
20 Librarian's admonition
21 Slender
22 Therefore in Latin
23 Plans, stratagems or schemes
24 Triumphant cry
27 Very wicked
28 Duty-roster
30 Uneven
32 Gained
34 __ Mary: an alcoholic cocktail?
35 Fluid lubricant
36 Young dogs or pups
38 Distinguished Service Medal, abbr.
39 Insecticide, in short
40 Chain of rocks
41 Hebrew measure
42 Sounds of satisfaction
44 Prefix with "cover" and "please"
45 Pakistan's intelligence agency
46 Vietnamese New Year
47 Organ for hearing
48 Reqd Time of Arr.



SUDOKO

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	5		2		4		8	
3				1				4
	9						4	
		5				2		
	6						1	
8				2				1
	1		9		8		5	
		9	7		1	8		

Answer to previous puzzle

3	1	2	9	5	6	8	7	4
9	4	8	7	2	3	6	1	5
7	6	5	1	4	8	2	9	3
8	3	9	4	6	7	5	2	1
6	2	4	8	1	5	9	3	7
5	7	1	2	3	9	4	8	6
2	9	3	6	7	4	1	5	8
4	8	7	5	9	1	3	6	2
1	5	6	3	8	2	7	4	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YNQM NP YNUM TNCNSD B RNAHAYM. LF UMMK

HFOT RBYBSAM, HFO VOPL UMMK VFXNSD.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A motion to adjourn is always in order.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Yuvarathnaa (K)	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Roberrt (K)	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Pogaru (K)	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Roohi (H)	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Wild Dog (Te)	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Gajendrudu (Te)	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Rang De (Te)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Sulthan (Ta)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-1)	11.05 am, 7.35 pm
	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	1.25 pm, 4.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 6.50 pm
Legacy of Lies (E)	(S-2)	11.10 am
Roberrt (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Flight (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Biriyaani (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 4 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Nomadland (E)	(S-3)	7.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	(S-3)	1.25 pm; (S-4) 4.05 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	11 am, 2.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 am, 1.30 pm
		5.15 pm, 9 pm
	(S-4)	3.30 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-4)	10 am, 12.45 pm, 7 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-3)	5.45 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 2 pm, 9.30 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	(S-4)	9.45 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	11.45 am
	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.45 pm
		4.45 pm, 8 pm
	(S-3)	6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	3.00 pm
	(S-4)	7.45 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	(S-1)	6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-2)	1.20 pm
	(S-4)	4.45 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-3)	11 am, 4.20 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	(S-4)	11 am, 1.45 pm

PVR

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	:	9.10 am, 10.30 am, 11 am, 11.30 am
		2 pm, 2.30 pm, 3 pm, 5.30 pm, 6 pm
		6.30 pm, 9 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
Roberrt (K)	:	2.45 pm
Koi Jaane Na (H)	:	12.30 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm
Anugraheethan Antony (Ma)	:	9.50 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	:	11.20 am, 6.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	:	3.40 pm, 10 pm
Nomadland (E)	:	6.40 pm

Garuda Mall, 1st Floor. Mob: 9901357088

Yuvarathnaa (K)	:	10.45 am, 11.30 am, 2.15 pm, 3 pm, 3.15 pm
		5.45 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.15 pm, 9.45 pm, 10 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	:	3.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	:	6.50 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	:	12.25 pm, 6.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	:	11.35 am

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Handicrafts Expo to conclude today at JSS Mysore Urban Haat

Handloom Fair to continue till April 11

Mysuru, Apr. 4- A special Handloom Fair and Handicrafts Exhibition are underway at JSS Mysore Urban Haat on Hebbal Ring Road in city.

While the Handicrafts Exhibition will conclude today (April 4), Handloom Fair will continue till April 11.

The expo, which is held under the sponsorship of Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom and Textile and Commerce, Government of Karnataka, will be open to public between 10 am and 9 pm.

The Fair is aimed at providing a high market for handloom products made by weavers and weavers co-operatives and to promote their skills. One of the features of the Fair is availability of traditional and specialised accessories.

There are many crafts prepared by artisans from North-Eastern States including Assam. The 60 stores have a wide variety of materials and products.

At Gadag Laxmashwar Craftsmen's Shop, there are many everyday items made from reed grass apart from traditional accessories, baskets, slippers, mats, brooms etc. Various types of carvings, elegant and delicate decorative objects made from marble are appealing.

In recent times there has been a huge demand for pottery. Earthen pots sell more during summer and it is pleasant to drink cold water stored in mud pots. Many of such clay pots and utensils are on display this season.

The special Handloom Expo has artisans from Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Haryana, Bihar, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and Karnataka.

On display include Patola sarees, bandini sarees, embroidered bed sheets, towels, cushion covers, eco-friendly jewelery, dress materials, earthenware, beadwork, metalwork, kurti, kaniya and karni products.

Lawn mats, pouches, vanity bags are among other major attractions. The Anu Creations store also has a number of attractive tools.

A variety of paintings and frames, vases made of paper, cloth and a collection of decorative flowers are sure to draw everyone's attention.

All in all, this festival season has brought together the culture and crafts, handloom fashions, accessories and clothing that will make the shoppers experience more memorable.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 4)

- **Indus Nepal Rudraksha Organisation, Hyderabad:** Exhibition-cum-sale of various types of Rudraksha, Hotel Crystal Park Inn, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Nadakishora Awardee Concert by Shruti Bode, accompanied by Bhimashankar Bidanur - tabla and Deepak Nagannavar - harmonium, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika Samajika Samskrutika Samsthe - Nrupatunga Kannada School:** Fund-raising event - Jugalbandi by noted violin maestro **Dr. Mysore Manjunath** and flautist **Pt. Pravin Godkhindi,** Hindustani vocalist Pt. Indudhar Nirody chief guest, former CM Siddharamaiah presides, Ramabai Charitable Foundation President M. Jagannath Shenoi, theatre artiste Jayaram Patil and Sapna of Avon Foundation guests, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.** [For passes, contact Mob: 94499-42734]

- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of Bhishma Sahani's play 'Parihara' (Directed by Natana School Principal Megha Sameera), School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Yuvanika Mysore:** Staging of play 'Smashanavasiya Swagata' by Satvikam Cultural Trust, Heggodu (Directed by Kariyappa Kavaluru), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 5)

- **Indus Nepal Rudraksha Organisation, Hyderabad:** Exhibition-cum-sale of various types of Rudraksha, Hotel Crystal Park Inn, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Study, Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri, SC/ ST Special Unit, Maharaja's College premises:** Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram's 114th birth anniversary celebrations, workshop on 'Babu Jagjivan Ram in Research Field' and 'Language and Social Science Research,' Rajya Sabha Member Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah inaugurates, Mysore University Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa presides, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Study Centre, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysuru District Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru District Jagatika Lingayata Mahasabha:** Book release — senior artist and writer L. Shivalingappa's 'Mannur Gurappa' — by ORI Director Dr. S. Shivarajappa, senior writer and retd. Professor Dr. S.T. Shylaja speaks about the book, senior artist N.B. Kaverappa presides, Parishat President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, Nataraja auditorium, Shankar Mutt Road, **4.30 pm.**

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